**Postdoc Advisory Board Minutes**

**January 31, 2020 – 3:00 pm**

**President’s Conference Room, 239 Tigert**

**Present:** Lily Lewis, Marcia Brown, Angelia Chen, Sylvain Dore, Maha Elbadry, Dany Fanfan, Cheryl Gater, Chris Hass, Sharonda Harris, Christina Pacak, Marek Szczepanczyk, and Michele Tenant

**Zoom:** Wayne McCormick, Marek S. Arashdeep Singh, and Jeremy Waisome

1. **Welcome:** Lily Lewis welcomed everyone, and introductions were made.
2. **Upcoming Events:** Lily Lewis discussed the following upcoming events: Writing Place Retreats Spring 2020, New Postdoc Orientations 2020, Preparing Future Faculty, Postdoc Socials and Postdoc Seminars.
3. **Fellow Benefits Eligibility:** Sylvain Dore discussed his discussion that he had with VP Jodi Gentry and Provost Joe Glover regarding Cobra insurance for Postdocs.
4. **Emergency Funds:** Sylvain gave an update that Postdocs are eligible for Aid-A-Gator for emergencies.
5. **Postdoc Mentoring Award:** Lily Lewis discussed revamping the application and prepare to open 2020 application period.
6. **UF Postdoc Association:** Marcia Brown who discussed the postdoc association survey that has been live throughout the month of January. The Advisory Board feels that there wasn’t a great response to move forward with the Townhall meeting yet. There were many ideas discussed how to get more Postdocs interested in responding to the survey so that they can move forward with the Townhall meeting.

**Next meeting:** February 28, 3:00 p.m. in 239 Tigert Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.